



A YEAR IN REVIEW

A look back on 2016 with Congressman Mike
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LOOKING BACK ON 2016

JANUARY 7, 2016

Congress sends a budget reconciliation to the President's desk, which he vetoes. This reconciliation would have repealed Obamacare, defunded Planned Parenthood, and reined in wasteful spending.

APRIL 15, 2016

The House of Representatives passes a bill to prevent the federal government from regulating the Internet.

JUNE 7, 2016

Speaker Paul Ryan releases A Better Way, the Republican policy agenda for 2017 and beyond, which addresses some of the biggest challenges our nation faces.

JULY 22, 2016

The Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act is signed into law, putting forth real solutions to fighting the opioid epidemic plaguing our nation.

NOVEMBER 8, 2016

Donald J. Trump is elected our nation's 45th President by historic margins.

DECEMBER 19, 2016

Members of the Electoral College meet at their respective state capitals to cast their votes to make President-elect Donald J. Trump's victory official.

JANUARY 8, 2016

After fighting hard to lift the crude oil export ban in December 2015, the first oil to be exported in 40 years was from Texas.

APRIL 21, 2016

A series of bills to hold the IRS accountable for its poor performance pass the House of Representatives.

JUNE 23, 2016

The Supreme Court ruled on *United States v. Texas*, deciding that President Obama's illegal amnesty plan was not constitutional, voiding yet another attempt to legislate from the Oval Office.

AUGUST 21, 2016

Team USA dominates the medal count at the 2016 Olympic Games, winning 27 gold medals and 121 medals total. Granbury native Dana Vollmer swims her way to three medals!

NOVEMBER 16, 2016

The U.S. Geological Survey found that one portion of the giant Wolfcamp shale formation in West Texas contains 20 billion barrels of previously undiscovered crude oil. This discovery made the Permian Basin home to the single largest crude accumulation ever assessed.

→ This year, Mike had an important piece of legislation signed into law that helps employ veterans, streamline bureaucratic inefficiencies, and works to secure the border. Currently, some soon-to-be veterans applying for jobs within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) are placed on a waitlist until DHS can perform a security check, despite already passing similar security background checks performed by the Department of Defense. Mike's legislation eliminates the duplicative process, ensuring that veterans can be swiftly hired so they can get to work securing our border.

IN THE 11TH DISTRICT

A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON POVERTY:

There is a better way to tackle the most pressing issues facing our nation, including poverty. In June, Mike met with a fantastic group of individuals who have dedicated themselves to eradicating poverty in our local communities.



SAN ANGELO AGRICULTURAL VISITS:

San Angelo, Texas has a vibrant ranching and agriculture industry and culture. This year, Mike visited the Lone Star Beef Processors and the Producers Live-stock Auction Company. Both companies and countless more play a key role in keeping America's food supply abundant, safe, and secure.

CENTRAL TEXAS VETERANS MEMORIAL:

On Veterans Day, Mike was in Brownwood, Texas for the ribbon cutting of the Central Texas Veterans Memorial. Many of the large stones that comprise the memorial are new, while others were dedicated decades ago. This has been a multi-generation endeavor and a labor of love by many citizens of Brownwood.



LOCAL MANUFACTURING:

Policies that promote economic growth are incredibly important to our local businesses. At Fibergate, a fiberglass manufacturing facility in Stephenville, Mike spoke with employees about what he's doing to prevent burdensome regulations from affecting prosperity.

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT



TOWN HALLS IN TX-11:

This year, Mike held over 30 town hall meetings throughout the district to hear directly from constituents. There was at least one town hall meeting in each of the 29 counties of the 11th district!

CONSTITUENTS IN DC:

Constituents visiting Washington, D.C. are always welcome to contact the office to request tours of the U.S. Capitol or the White House at conaway.house.gov.



SAN ANGELO NATURALIZATION CEREMONY:

Mike attended a naturalization ceremony in San Angelo this year to watch 34 individuals pledge their allegiance to the United States of America and become American citizens. It is not an easy process, but these men and women followed and honored the law of the land as they came to this country legally and worked hard to become American citizens.

Even when Mike is in DC, he stays connected. This year, he called over **160,000** constituents for telephone town halls!



STUDENT OUTREACH

VISITING KLONDIKE, A BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL:

Klondike is one of just 25 National Blue Ribbon Schools in Texas. This accomplishment is well deserved, as Klondike truly embodies the spirit of the Blue Ribbon programs through the creative and supportive learning environment they have established for their students. During a visit, Mike got to see the robotics project students were working on.



CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

This year, Mike launched a Congressional Youth Advisory Council (CYAC) for high school juniors and seniors. This group of civic-minded students met to discuss current events, learn the fundamental role of lawmakers, and provide their views on legislation before Congress.

CONGRESSIONAL APP CHALLENGE:

This year, Mike launched the Congressional App Challenge (CAC), a competition for high school students. Shane Smiskol, of Granbury, was named the winner for his app that runs the user's sent SMS through a Markov chain algorithm to output randomly generated sentences.



CONGRESSIONAL INTERNS:

Mike's Congressional internship program gives students from Texas the opportunity to gain experience working in Congress.